Utilisation of modern equipment by hospitals

669. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government hospitals in the Capital are not using modern machines or even trying to adopt latest technology for various tests, etc., in comparison to big prvate hospitals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the latest machines gifted by WHO to Government hospitals in the Capital are not used and the old manual methods are preferred;

(c) if so, the details of such machines lying idle in Government hospitals in the Capital;

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed for not using such machines; and

(e) if so, what further steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, namely, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC & Associated Hospitals are using modem equipments like Automatic Anaiyscr, CT Scan & Ultra Sound to carry out various investigations. AH the equipments supplied by the WHO are being fully utilised and are functional.

(c) No such machine is lying idle in Central Government Hospitals in Delhi.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Prevention from Hepatitis-B

† 670. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) wethethe Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "Hindustan" da^ed the 7th June, 2000 under the cap.ion "Hepatitis-B kahein jyada khatamak hai AIDS se";

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor; and

(c) the details of necessary action taken so far by Government to include the vaccination which safeguards children against Her^titis in the existing vaccination programme of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Both Hepatitis B and AIDS-are major Public Health problems I India and require appropriate control measures.

(c) The estimated cost of introducing Hepatitis-B vaccination under iic Universal Immunisation Programme of the Country will be arouna Rs. 525 crores per annum, and around Rs. 2625 crores for 5 years. Such huge financial resources are not available within the Ministiy. Therefore, so far Hepatitis-B has not been included in the Expanded Programme of immunisation.

Cases of TB, Malaria, Kala-Azar etc.

671. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the MINISTER OF "HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether theie have been a large scale cases of T-B., Malaria. Kala-Azar, etc. in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken steps to spray DDT in clcmic ruial/urban areas in the country, particularly in Uttar adcsh and Delhi;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effective measures taken to effectively control the above cases in States?

PRIME MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY C'F HEALTH